II

SPEECH BY THE Hon. THE PRESIDENT *RE* THE TIME-LIMIT ON MOTIONS ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

The hon. the President :—" Before taking up the motions on the Budget I have to inform the House that the Local Government have intimated to me that in pursuance of section 72-D (3) of the Government of India Act they have indicated in italics in the Budget Estimates for 1922–23 those items of expenditure in regard to which they are not submitting any proposals to the House. Hon. Members are aware that His Excellency the Governor has allotted under sub-rule (1) of rule 29 nine days from the 17th to the 27th March (excluding the two Sundays) for the discussion of the demands of the Local Government. Under sub-rule (2) of the above rule His Excellency has been pleased to fix one day as the maximum for the discussion of the motions on each of the following demands, viz., Land Revenue, General Administration, Education (non-European) and Civil Works—In charge of Public Works officers (Transferred portions), and half a day as the maximum for motions affecting each of the other demands. I would invite the attention of hon. Members to the fact that, within the period of nine days allowed for the purpose, the House will have to dispose of so many as 35 demands, each comprising several heads of account. The number of motions for omission or reduction of grants or items of grants has totalled about 800. Hon. Members will see that considerable expedition will be needed and I would appeal to them to use that expedition. I would also suggest to hon. Members, if I may, to distinguish between the more important motions and the less important ones. Neither the rules nor the standing orders prescribe any time-limit for the speeches to be made at this stage. I have, however, following the precedent of last year, resolved to fix 10 minutes as the time-limit for the hon. Members who move motions or reductions of grants or items of grants, and also 10 minutes to the hon. Members of the Government who have to answer those motions; all other hon. Members will have 5 minutes each. I shall enforce the time-limits strictly ; and I appeal to hon. Members to help me to do so. Hon. Members will see that under rule 29 (3), at the close of the nine days allowed for the purpose, it will be my duty to put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of all outstanding matters in connexion with the demands for grants."

III

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

Demand I—Land Revenue.

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" Sir, I move for Demand I standing in my name in respect of Land Revenue department amounting to Rs. 227·59 lakhs. The details of this grant will be found on page 4 of the statement which, I think, is in the hands of hon. Members."

Motion 1.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju :—" Mr. President, I move—

1. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 1,72,190 *for treasury deputy collectors by Rs.* 100.

" My object is to ascertain what policy the Government wishes to adopt in the matter of the salaries of the Provincial officers. It has already been